Computing at CDF

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CDF in a Nutshell

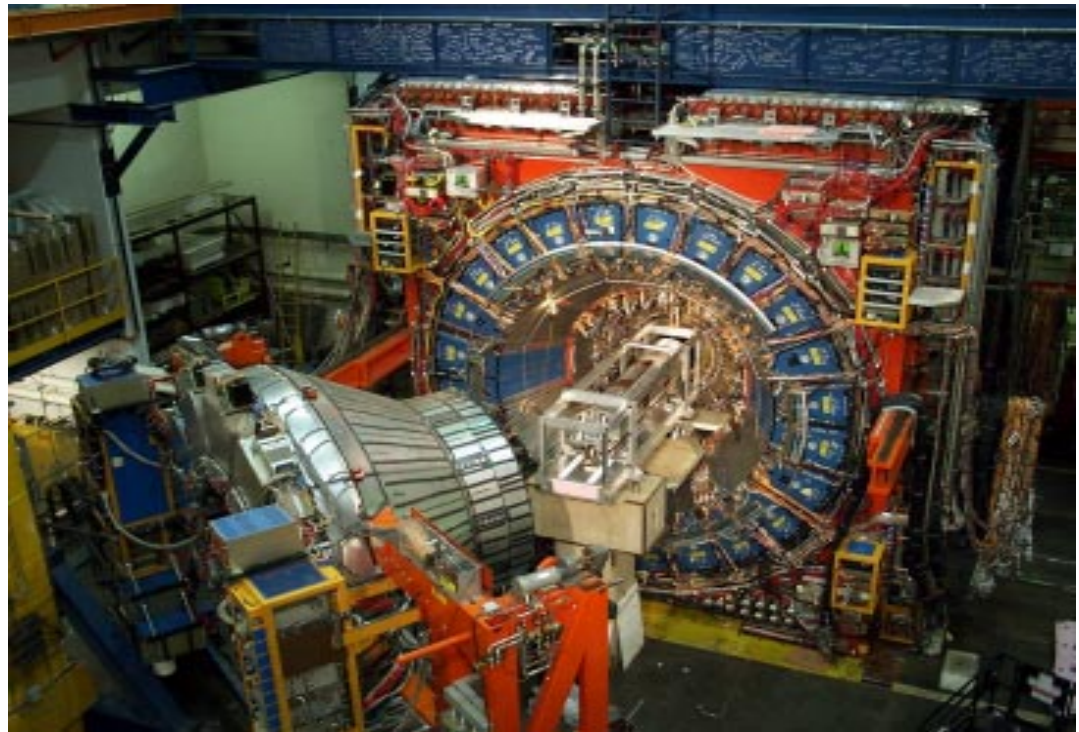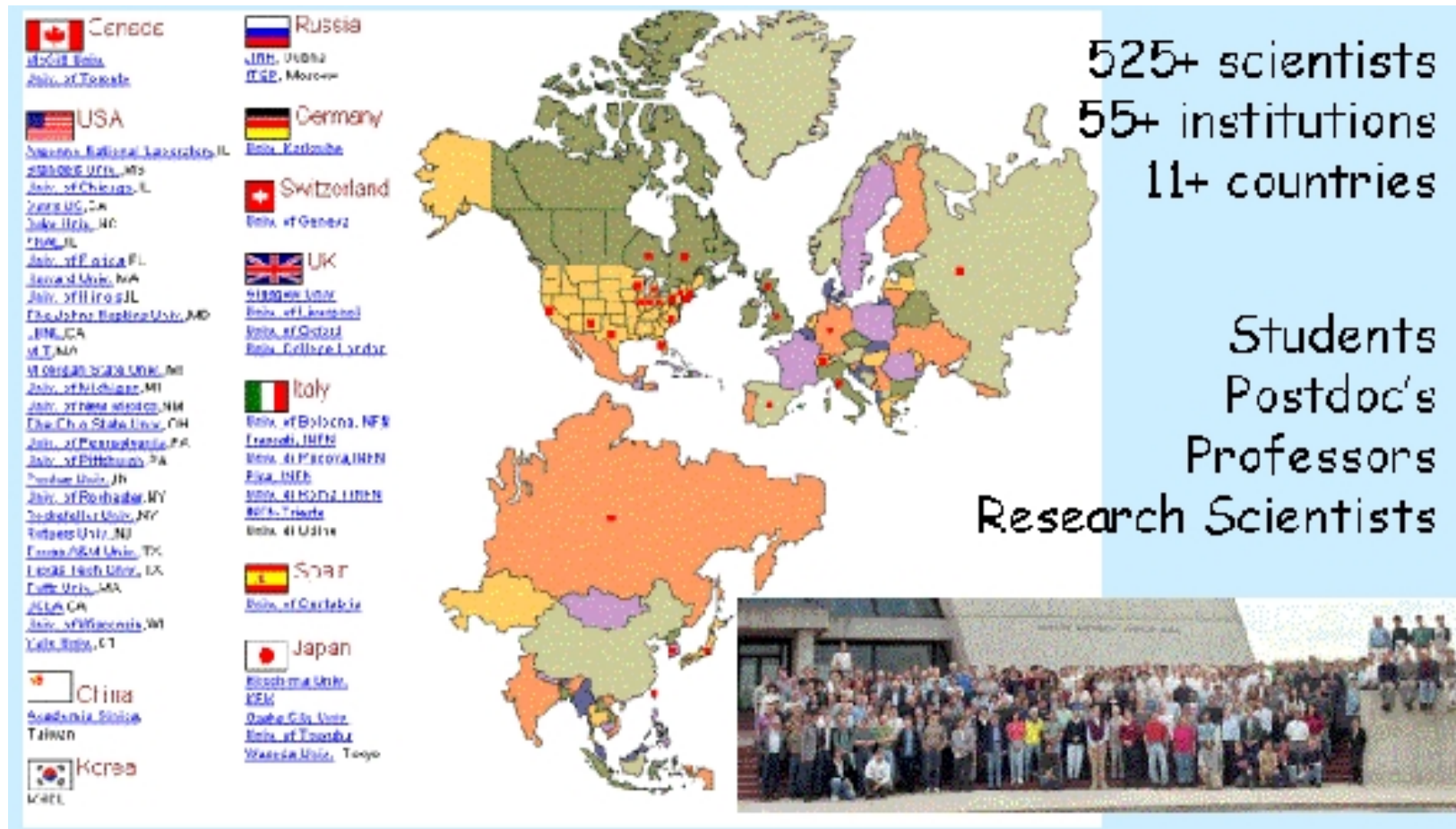- **CDF + D0 experiments analyze p$\bar{\text{p}}$ collisions from Tevatron at Fermilab**
- **Tevatron highest energy collider in world ($\sqrt{s} = 2$ TeV) until LHC**
- **Run I (1992-1996) huge success $\rightarrow$ 200+ papers (t quark discovery, ...)**
- **Run II (March 2001-) upgrades for luminosity ($\times$10) + energy (~10%$\uparrow$)**
   - $\rightarrow$ expect integrated luminosity 20$\times$ (Run IIa) and 150$\times$ (Run IIb) of Run I
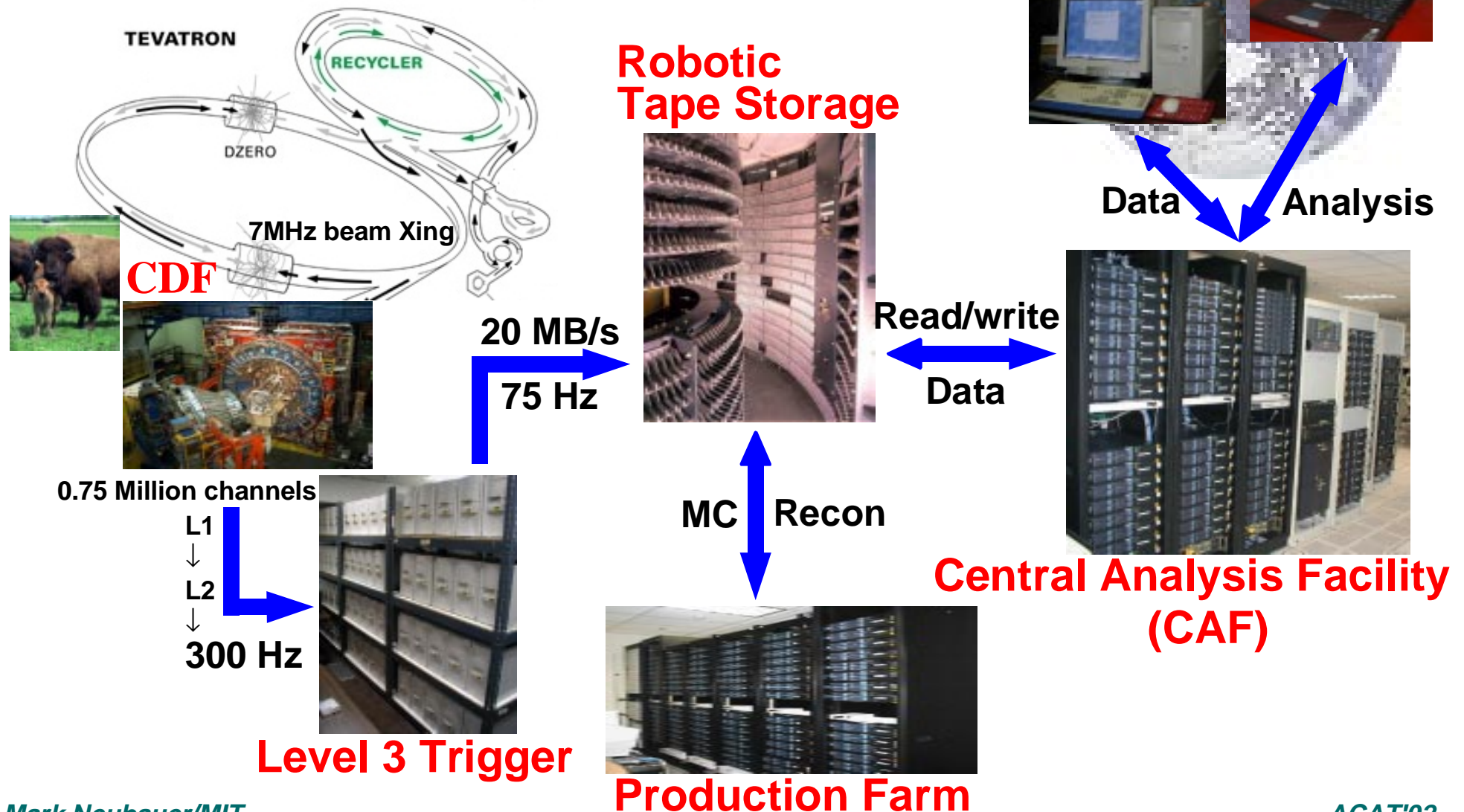
Run II physics goals:

- **Search for Higgs boson**
- **Top quark properties** (m$_t$, σ_{tot}, ...)
- **Electroweak** (m$_W$, Γ_W, ZZγ, ...)
- **Search for new physics** (e.g. SUSY)
- **QCD at large Q^2** (jets, α_s, ...)
- **CKM tests in *b* hadron decays**

CDF RunII Collaboration

525+ scientists
55+ institutions
11+ countries

Students
Postdoc's
Professors
Research Scientists

Goal: **Provide computing resources for 200+ collaborators simultaneously doing analysis per day!**
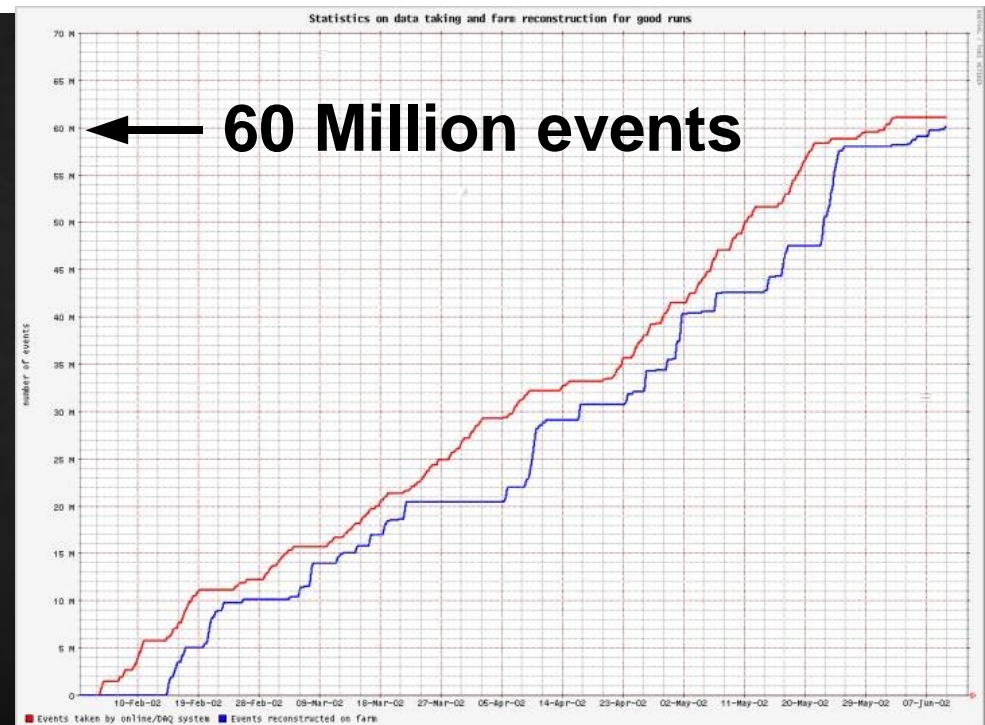
CDF DAQ/Analysis Flow

TEVATRON

RECYCLER

DZERO

7MHz beam Xing

CDF

User Desktops

Robotic Tape Storage

Data **Analysis**

0.75 Million channels

L1
↓
L2
↓
300 Hz

20 MB/s

75 Hz

Read/write

Data

MC **Recon**

Level 3 Trigger

Production Farm

Central Analysis Facility (CAF)

Reconstruction Farms

Data reconstruction + validation, Monte Carlo generation

154 dual P3's (equivalent to 244 1 Ghz machines)

Job management:

➢ **Batch system → FBSNG developed at FNAL**

➢ **Single executable, validated offline**
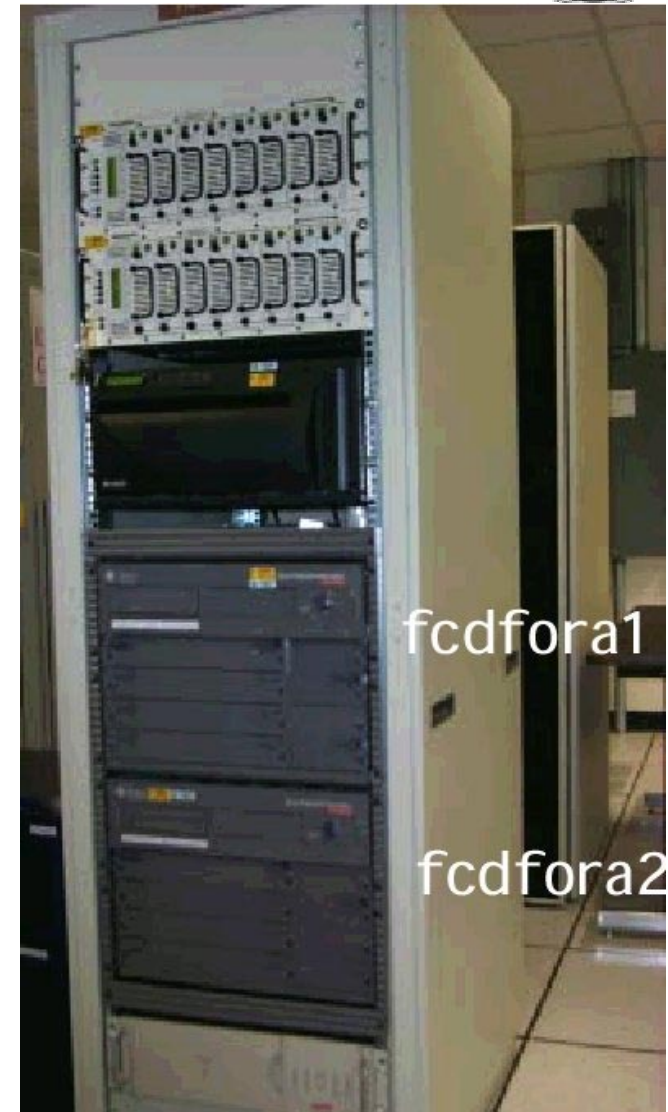

← 60 Million events

Database Usage at CDF

Oracle DB: Metadata + Calibrations

DB Hardware:

- **2 Sun E4500**

Presently evaluating:

- **Oracle on Linux**
- **MySQL**
- **Replication to remote sites**

fcdfora1

fcdfora2

Data/Software Characteristics

Data Characteristics:

- ➢ **Root I/O as persistent (raw) data format**
- ➢ **Raw data size: ~250 kB/event**
- ➢ **Reconstructed data (PAD) format: 50-100 kB/event**
- ➢ **Typical ntuple size (stntuple): 5-10 kB/event**
- ➢ **Typical RunIIa secondary dataset size: 10^7 events**

Analysis Software:

- ➢ **Typical analysis jobs run @ 10 Hz on 1 GHz P3**
  - $\rightarrow$ **few MB/sec**
- ➢ **CPU rather than I/O bound (FastEthernet)**

Computing Requirements

Requirements set by goal:
200 simultaneous users to analyze secondary data set (10^7 evts) in a day

Need ~700 TB of disk and ~5 THz of CPU by end of FY'05:
$\rightarrow$ **need lots of disk** $\rightarrow$ **need cheap disk** $\rightarrow$ **IDE Raid**
$\rightarrow$ **need lots of CPU** $\rightarrow$ **commodity CPU** $\rightarrow$ **dual Intel/AMD**

Past CAF Computing Model

Large SMP (128 processor SGI)
Expensive disks (FiberChannel/SCSI)

Analysis Code Development
Analysis Job Debugging
Interactive Analysis Jobs
Batch Jobs
"Other" Usage

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Very expensive to expand and maintain

Bottom line:
   Not enough 'bang for the buck'

CAF Implementation

Users are able to:
- submit jobs
- monitor job progress
- retrieve output

from 'any desktop' in the world

CAF Milestones

➢ **Start of CAF design**   **11/01**

➢ **CAF prototype (protoCAF) assembled**   **2/25/02**

➢ **Fully-functional prototype system (>99% job success)**   **3/6/02**

➢ **ProtoCAF integrated into Stage1 system**   **4/25/02**

➢ **Production Stage1 CAF for collaboration**   **5/30/02**

Design → Production system in 6 months!

ProtoCAF

Stage1

CAF Stage 1 Hardware

Code Server

File Servers

Worker Nodes

Linux 8-ways
(interactive)

Stage 1 Hardware: Workers

Workers (**132 CPUs**, 1U+2U rackmount):

16 2U Dual Athelon 1.6GHz / 512MB RAM
50 1U/2U Dual P3 1.26GHz / 2GB RAM
FE (11 MB/s) / 80GB job scratch each

Stage 1 Hardware: Servers

Servers (35TB total, 16 4U rackmount):

2.2TB useable IDE RAID50 hot-swap
Dual P3 1.4GHz / 2GB RAM
SysKonnect 9843 Gigabt Ethernet card

File Server Performance

Local disk reads

200 MB/s

60 MB/s

Remote reads from CAF file server

70 MB/s

Server/Client Performance: Up to **200MB/s local reads, 70 MB/s NFS**

Data Integrity tests: md5sum of local reads under heavy load
BER $< 2\times10^{-14}$ (Maxtor claims < 1 error / 10^{14} bits read)

Cooling tests: Temp profile of disks w/ IR gun after extended disk thrashing

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CAF Software

Design goal:

> **Give users access to CAF resources**
> - ➢ **CPU**
> - ➢ **scratch disk**
> - ➢ **data handling system**
>
> **from their desktops anywhere in the world**

Design constraints/desirables:

> **Fermilab computing security policy** $\rightarrow$ **kerberos!**
>
> **Job scheduling** $\rightarrow$ **proven batch system, configurable,**
> **fair share capability, local support** $\rightarrow$ **FBSNG (FNAL-CD)**
>
> **Adminstrative ease** $\rightarrow$ **no user accounts**
> $\rightarrow$ **non-interactive batch, jobs run as single 'cafuser' user**
>
> **User identity** $\rightarrow$ **unique privileges for batch jobs, disk space**

User Access to CAF

Job Related:

- Submit jobs
- Check progress of job
- Kill a job

Remote file system access:

- 'ls' in job's 'relative path'
- 'ls' in a CAF node's absolute path
- 'tail' of any file in job's 'relative path'
- Get full file listing based on metadata

CAF Software

CAF User Interface

➢ **Compile, build, debug analysis job on 'desktop'**

section integer range

➢ **Fill in appropriate fields & submit job**

output destination

user exe+tcl directory

➢ **Retrieve output using kerberized FTP tools ... or write output directly to 'desktop'!**

Web Monitoring of User Queues

Each user a different queue

Process type for job length

- **test**: 5 mins
- **short**: 2 hrs
- **medium**: 6 hrs
- **long**: 2 days

This example:

1 job → 11 sections

(+ 1 additional section automatic for job cleanup)

FBSNG on the web
Farm: CAF
Time: Thu May 23 02:32:41 2002
Report: List of queues

Queues | Jobs | Nodes | Process Types

User Monitor

Name	Status	Default Process Type	Share	Prio	Waiting	Ready	Running	Total
akorn	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
amitl	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
anikeev	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
belforte	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
msmartin	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
msn	OK	short	1.00	0	1	0	11	12
pauly	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
paus	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
ratnikov	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
rescigno	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
semeria	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
sfiligoi	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
sgromoll	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
shepard	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
sidoti	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
spezziga	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
test	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
thkim	OK	short	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
thom	OK	short	1.00	0	1	0	1	2

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Monitoring jobs in your queue

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Monitoring sections of your job

CAF Utilization

CAF global status

ptype	Average %	Current %
Short	69.0	0.0
Medium	3.5	1.5
Long	2.8	2.2
All processes	75.2	3.7

Updated: Jun 18 12:20:01 2002

Built using RRDTool

Active queues (last 24h)

Updated: Jun 18 12:20:03 2002

schuster | test | fkw | anikeev | tomohiro | gotra | akorn | castro
casarsa | cjl | jdlee | zyhanv | ikfuric | lys | nigmanov | gpope
jmuelmen | rescigno | dbstarr | ikrav | daronco | thom

Built using RRDTool

Status summary

	Short	Medium	Long	All Types
Running sections	0	2	3	5
Pending sections	0	0	0	0
Waiting time [hh:mm] (24h average):				
per job	0:04	0:26	0:00	0:15
per section	2:12	0:52	0:00	1:32
Running time [hh:mm] (24h average)	0:20	0:35	0:00	0:27

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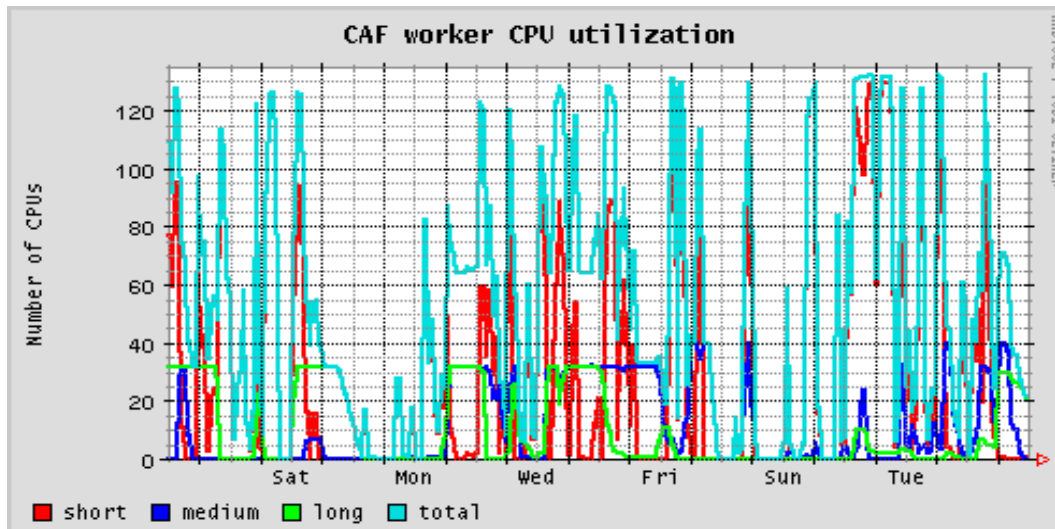## CAF in active use by CDF collaboration

- 120 CAF Users (queues) to date
- 2-5 new users per day
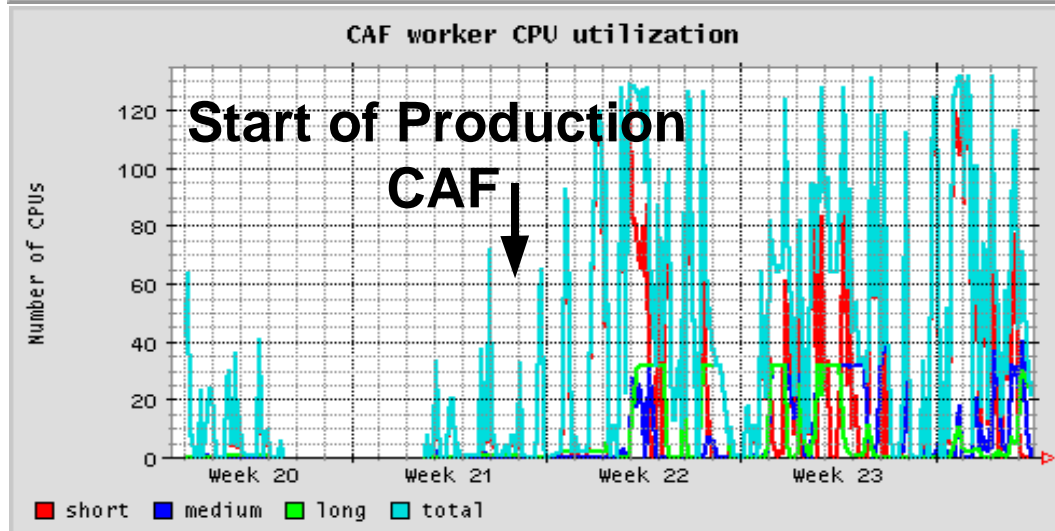- Several dozen simultaneous users in a typical 24 hr period

CAF Utilization

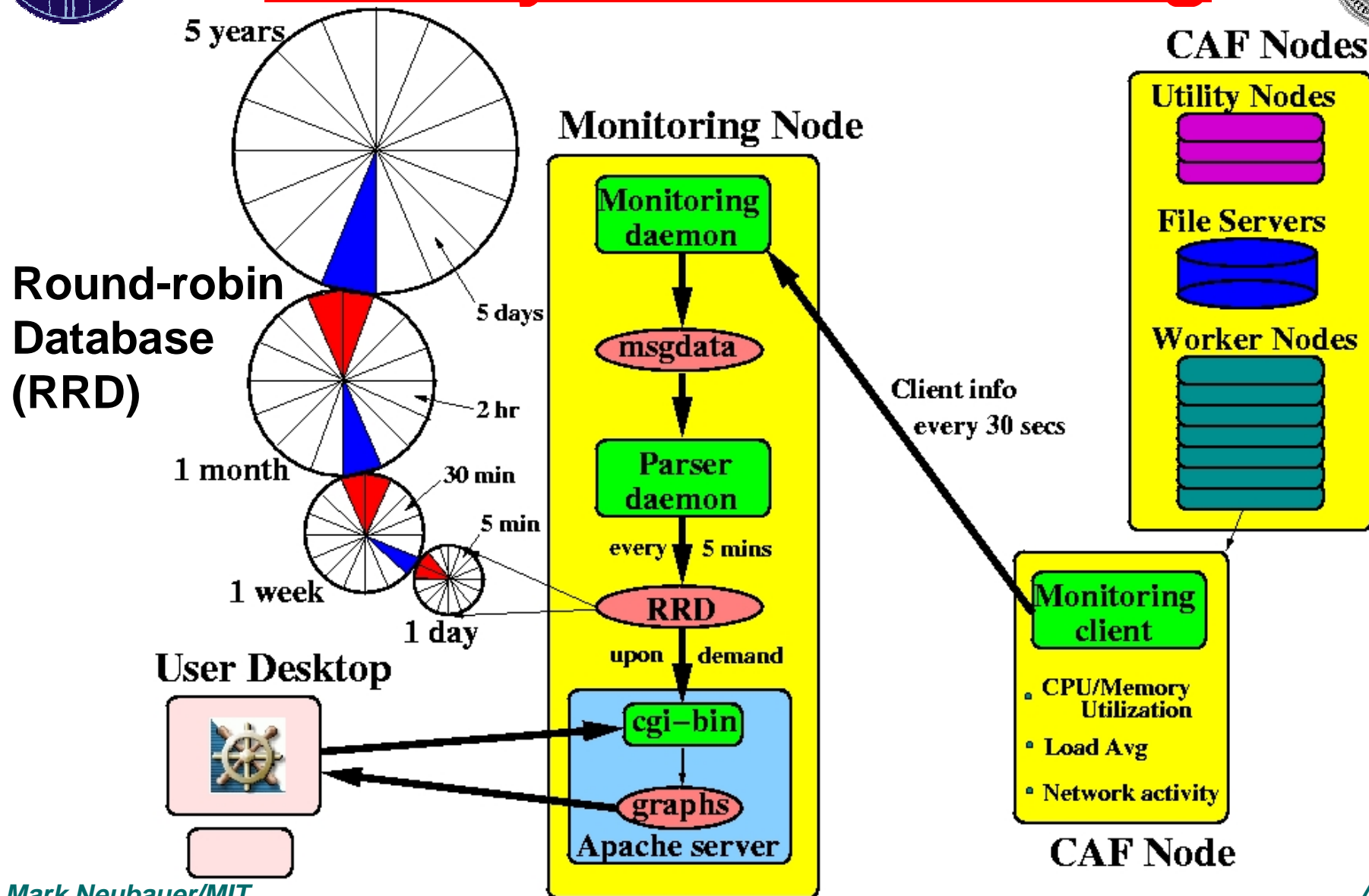CAF utilization steadily rising since opened to collaboration

Providing 10-fold increase in analysis resources for summer physics conferences

Need for more CPU on the horizon
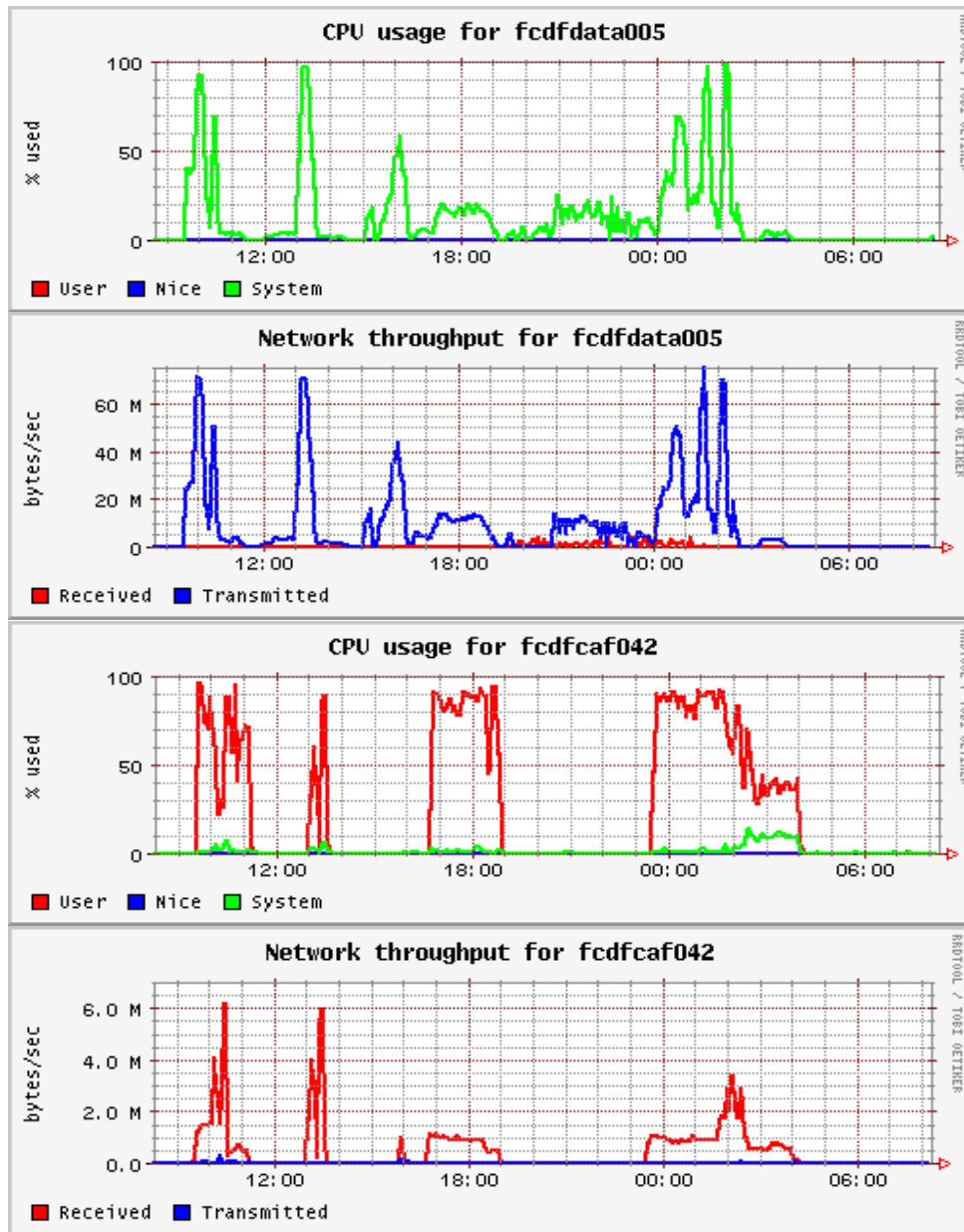
CAF System Monitoring

System Monitoring

2 TB File Server

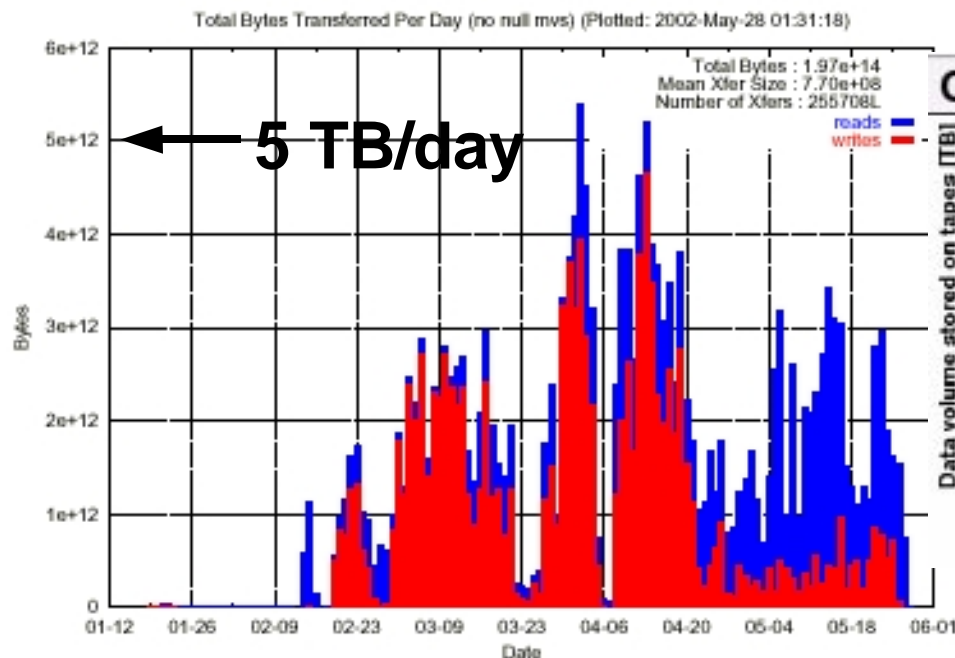**Data transfers CPU limited**

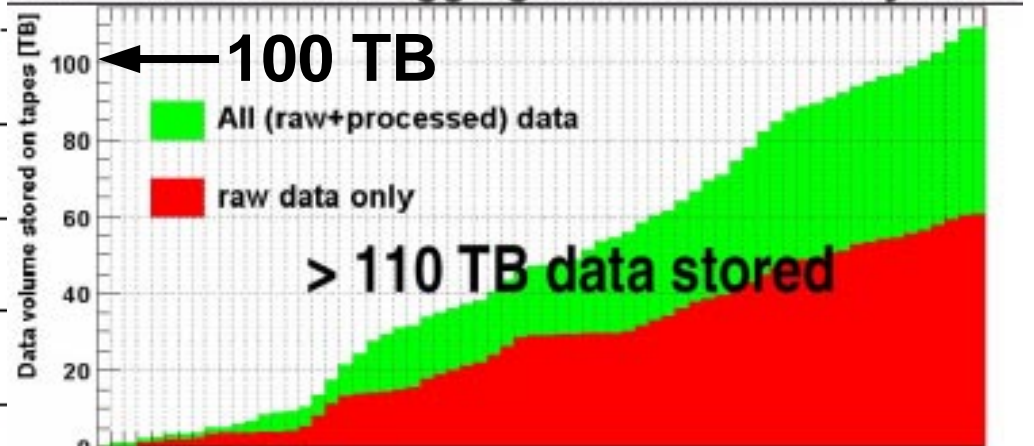**Analysis Jobs CPU bound**

Worker Node

Data Handling

Data archived using STK 9940 drives and tape robot

Enstore: Network-attached tape system developed at FNAL
$\rightarrow$ **provides interface layer for staging data from tape**

Data Handling

Dcache $\rightarrow$ network-attached disk cache from DESY

- Front-end disk cache for Enstore (read and write disk pools)
- Currently in β testing $\rightarrow$ working toward production use in CDF
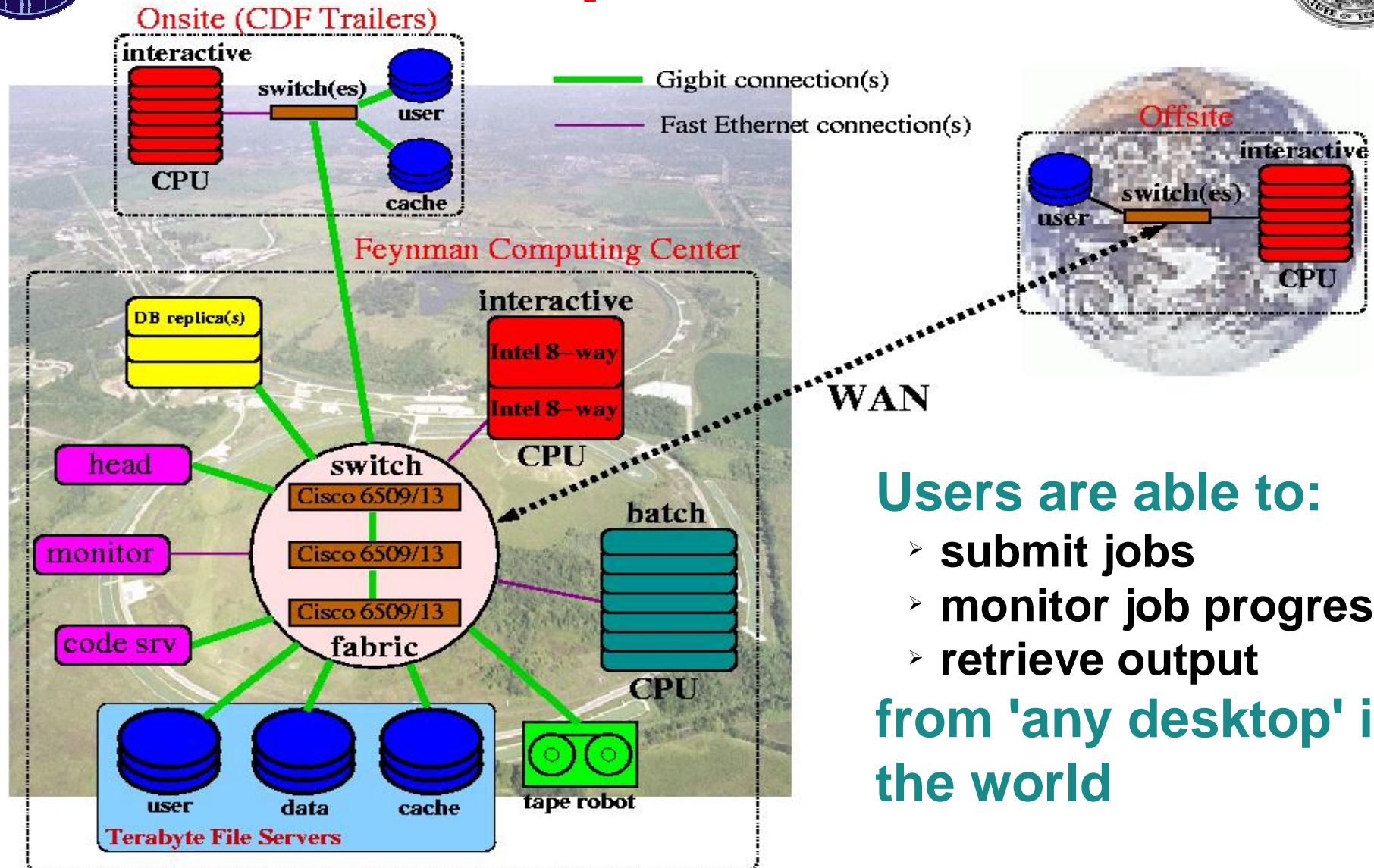
SAM $\rightarrow$ framework for global data handling/distribution

- Jointly developed by FNAL Computing division and D0
- Works with Enstore and CDF analysis software framework
- Currently under evaluation for use in CDF data distribution

$\rightarrow$ **see Igor Terekhov's talk**

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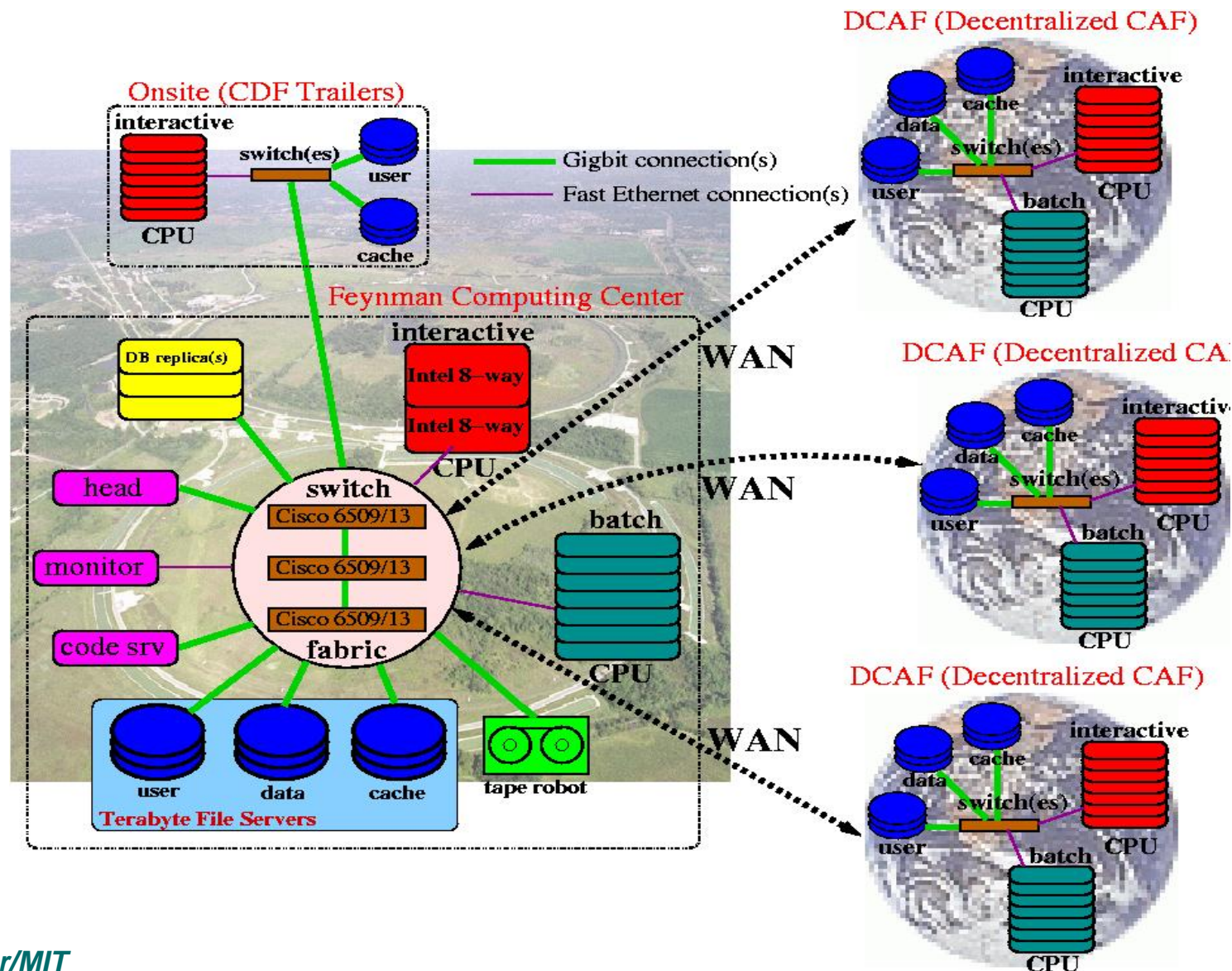

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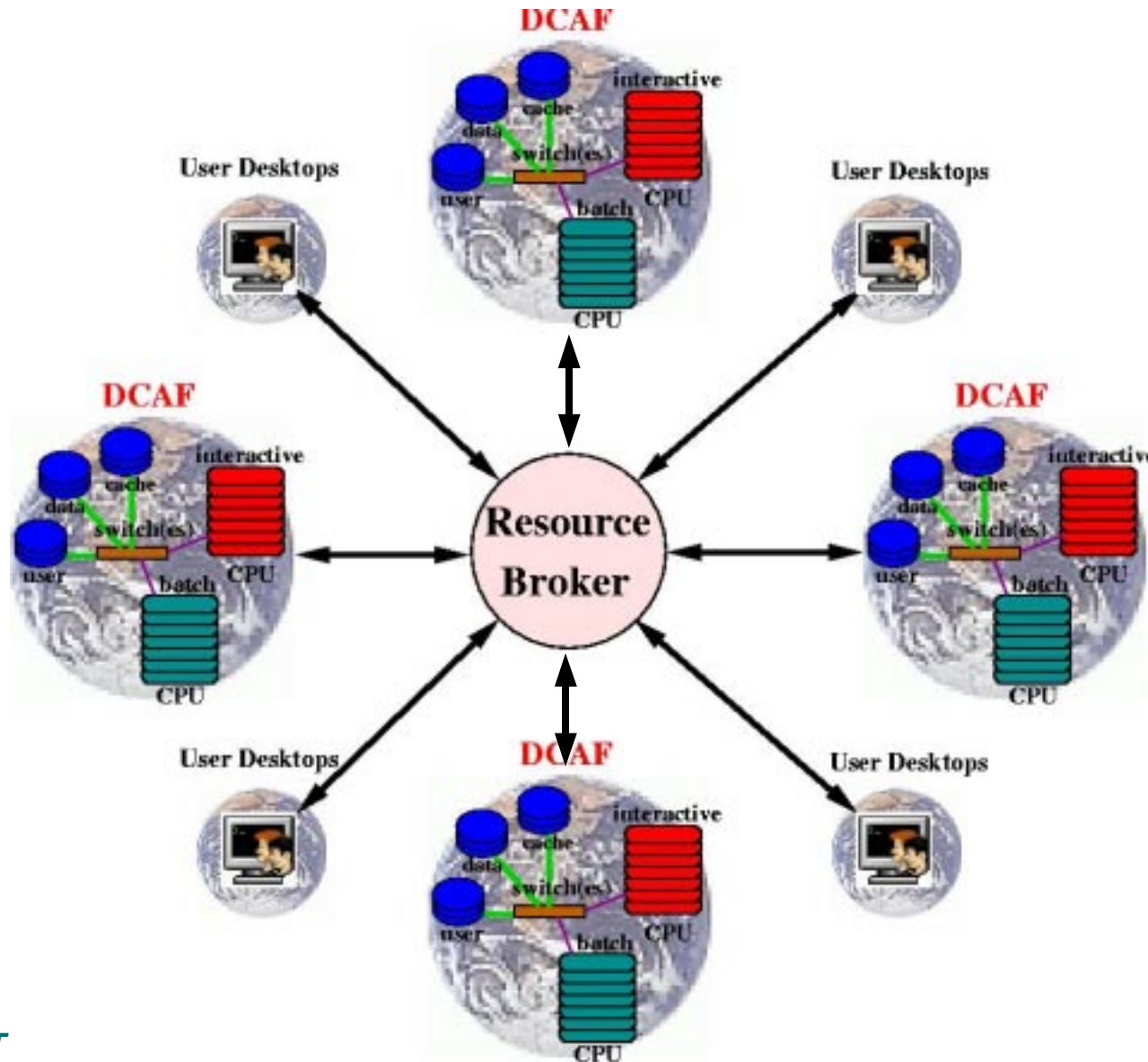- retrieve output

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Toward the Grid

Peer-to-Farm Paradigm

Brokering scheme

Minimize job execution time:
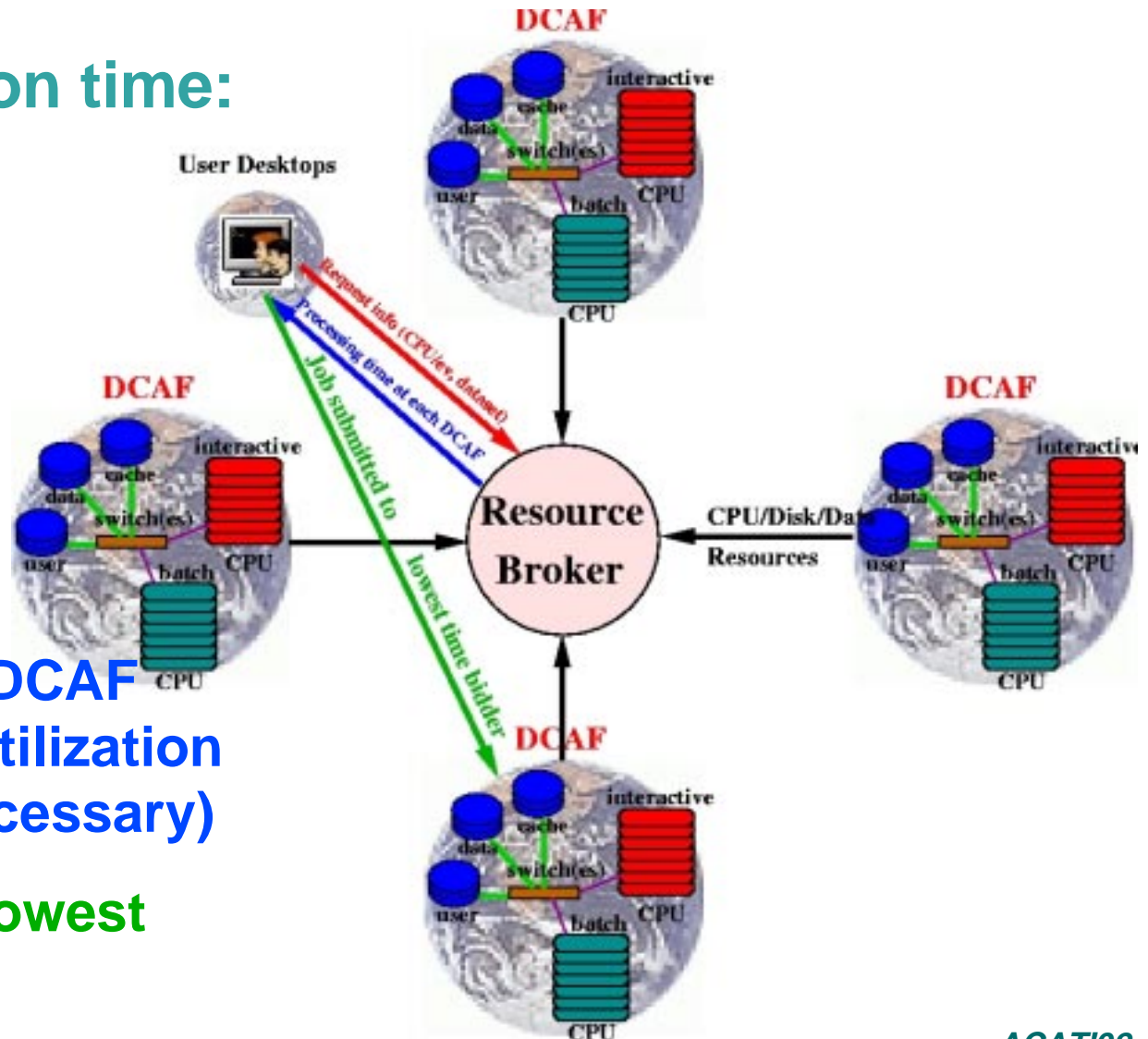
DCAFs update broker
- ➢ **CPU/disk utilization**
- ➢ **Local data**

User generates request
- ➢ **CPU time/event**
- ➢ **Metadata ID (dataset)**

Execution time on each DCAF
- ➢ **CPU+I/O resources+utilization**
- ➢ **Data movement (if necessary)**

Job goes to DCAF with lowest 'bid'

Summary/Conclusions

Distributed Peer-to-Farm Computing Model

Production system under heavy use:
- ➢ **Single farm at FNAL**
- ➢ **Many peers all over the world**
  - **100+ total users**
  - **100+ simultaneous jobs**
  - **Regularly up to 800 jobs per user queued**

Future development:
- ➢ **Extend data handling**
- ➢ **Multi-farm brokering**
- ➢ **Scale system by O(10)**